Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Are the Government prepared to bring the Drugs Act into force in Mysore ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It is under consideration.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Are the Government aware that the extension of Drugs Act into Mysore will prevent this smuggling of things ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It is with that view that the question is being considered.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—In the meantime will the Government be pleased to consider that the rectified spirit should be supplied only to those who actually supply tinctures, etc., to medical men and hospitals ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I may state here that recently we have formed a Committee with some of the top officers of this Government for going into the question of preparation of tinctures, etc. As soon as we receive their report, we will be able to take some steps. It is difficult to find out the quantity that is required by the medical practitioners in the State and calculate the amount of spirit that will have to be given. The question will be gone into very thoroughly and arrangement will be made by which the trouble we are experiencing will be avoided.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಅನಂತರಾಮ್—ಈಗ ತಾವು ಹನ್ನೆರಡು ಜನರಿಗೆ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಜನಗಳೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಆ ಸ್ಪಿರಿಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಈಗ ಸದ್ಯನಿಯೋಗ ಎಂದರ ಯಾವ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಆ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ತನಿಖೆಮಾಡಲು ಸ್ಪೆಷಲ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಡಾ॥ ಆರ್. ನಾಗನಗೌಡ.—ಎಕ್ಸೈಜ್ ಕಮಿಷನರೂ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಶಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯೂ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಕೇಸನ್ನೂ ತನಿಖೆಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ತಯಾರಾಗತಕ್ಕ ಸಾಮಾನುಗಳು ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಉಪಯೋಗವಾಗುತ್ತಿವೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಸಹ ಅವರು ನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Is it not a fact that the Director of Anti-Corruption was appointed to go into this question and find out whether they are using it for the purpose for which it is supplied ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The Director of Anti-Corruption has investigated the matter in general and he has sent a report. On his report we have taken two or three important steps. At one time earlier in May we reduced the supply of the rectified spirit by 50 per cent and later on during the last month we reduced the supply of spirit still further. In the meanwhile we have appointed a Committee with the Director of Anti-Corruption and the Health Officer and others to go into this question and find out what the needs of the State are and suggest to the Government as to what steps have to be taken to see that only the requirements of the State are met.

Rectified spirit (Supply to Khode Iswarasa & Co.)

Q.—251. Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY (Gauribidanur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the firm of Khode Iswarasa & Co., had applied for the grant of rectified spirit recently ;

(*b*) whether the Government had called for a report from their subordinate officials ;

(*c*) whether the Minister for Excise has granted licence before the receipt of the said report ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the rectified spirit is granted without levy of any duty ; if so, what is the quantity of spirit granted to this firm monthly ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Industries and Excise).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*b*).

(*d*) Yes. Excise duty is not levied on alcohol issued for the manufacture of spirituous medicinal and toilet preparations as also fine chemicals.

One thousand gallons of Ethyl Alcohol per month subject to certain conditions.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಸಿ. ನಾಗಯ್ಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಈ ಶುದ್ಧಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಸ್ಪಿರಿಟ್-ಸಾರಾಯಿ, ಬ್ರಾಂದಿ ವಗೈರೆಗಳು ಕುಡಿಯಲು ಅನುಗುಣವಾದ ಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಲು ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ ?

*ಡಾ॥ ಆರ್. ನಾಗನಗೌಡ.—ಹೌದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ನಾಗಯ್ಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಇಂಥ ಮಾದಕ ಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಲು ಅನುಕೂಲವಾದಂಥ ವಸ್ತುವನ್ನು ತಾವು ಸಾವಿರ ಗ್ಯಾಲನ್‌ಗಟ್ಟಲೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವಾಗ ಅದು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ವಿನಿಯೋಗವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಾವು ನಿಗಾ ಇಟ್ಟು ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

ಡಾ॥ ಆರ್. ನಾಗನಗೌಡ.—ಈಗ ಆ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿವೆಯೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಒಂದು ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್ ಸಿ. ನಾಗಯ್ಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಅವರು ಆ ಒಂದು ಸಾವಿರ ಗ್ಯಾಲನ್ ಸ್ಪಿರಿಟ್ಟನ್ನು ಯಾವ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದು ತಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It was requested for the manufacture of fine chemicals like other and other essences.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ನಾಗಯ್ಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ತಾವು ಈ ಸ್ಪಿರಿಟ್ಟನ್ನು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಈಥರ್ ತಯಾರಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರೆಂದು ಭಾವಿಸೋಣವೇ:

ಡಾ॥ ಆರ್. ನಾಗನಗೌಡ.—ಹೌದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ನಾಗಯ್ಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಎಕ್ಸೈಜ್ ಕಮಿಷನರು ಈ ವಸ್ತುವನ್ನು ದುರುಪಯೋಗಪಡಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅದನ್ನು ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಈ ಸಾವಿರ ಗ್ಯಾಲನ್‌ಗಳಿಗೂ ನ್ಯೂಲ್ಪ ಸಲ್ಫ್ಯೂರಿಕ್ ಆಸಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ವರದಿ ಮಾಡಿರತಕ್ಕ ವಿಚಾರ ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Not in this case. Probably the suggestion should have been made in some other case.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—In this particular case, is it not a fact that the Excise Commissioner has written that unless we mix the sulphuric acid there is every possibility of this being misused? Is it not in your file?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I want notice regarding that point.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Even though he has written like that, have you given permission to draw one thousand gallons of rectified spirit?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Yes, he has been given permission to draw one thousand gallons.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Has he (Khode Iswarasa) got a laboratory to prepare ethyl alcotol which would cost him Rs. 1,00,000? Have you examined it?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—As I said before, we have constituted a Committee to go into the whole thing, visit factories and make suggestions. We have also reduced the quantity to 50 per cent and now only 250 gallons per month is given.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Thy have also reduced the quantity with respect to his firm.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Reducing the quantity does not answer my question.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The Hon'ble Member wants to know whether he has got a Laboratory. In that connection I was saying that a Committee has been appointed to go into this matter. We are awaiting their report and I can only assure the member that very severe and stringent steps will be taken to reduce the difficulties that we have been experiencing so far.

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Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Anti-Corruption Director has reported to the Government that many of these companies do not possess any laboratory whatsoever? There is no chemical examiner, there is no doctor and they are using this spirit only for drinking purposes and exporting it. Has he not made a report like that?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, we have a report made by the Anti-Corruption Department. It is on that that we have taken this step. We cannot immediately stop completely the supply of this material because if we do that, genuine and *bona fide* medical people will suffer. That position I think the Hon'ble Member will appreciate.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—What I am asking is, why don't you make arangements to stop issuing to this gentleman who does not possess any laboratory but is merely misusing this spirit?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is why, the Hon'ble Minister says that in order to know the correct position, they have appointed a committee.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Sir, the Anti-Corruption Director has already made a report to the Government stating that these people are misusing it. This matter has been

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reported to the Government and the portfolio Minister concerned with Anti-Corruption had ordered to stop the issue of permit. But the other Minister has issued the permit. Is it not a fact ?

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I would like to have the latter part of the question more clearly put. He says that what one Minister had ordered was nullified by another Minister's order. I would like to know what it is.

SRI N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—The Anti-Corruption Minister has ordered that as per the report of the Anti-Corruption Director the issue of permit for those pharmaceutical concerns which are misusing it should be stopped. Afterwards, another Minister, perhaps the Minister for Excise at that time, ignored that order and has ordered the issue of permit to draw such a huge quantity of spirit.

MR. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

SRI H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Will this question be taken up again, Sir ?

MR. SPEAKER.—No.

Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Hassan District (Extension granted).

*Q.*442— SRI K. PANCHAKSHARIAH (Arsikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of extensions granted to the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Hassan District ;

(*b*) whether they have granted him again one more extension ;

(*c*) whether they would consult the Public Service Commission if he has so requested for extension ;

(*d*) whether the said Officer has given wrong date of birth while furnishing it previously ;

(*e*) if he had given less age, by how many years ;

(*f*) the steps taken by them in this behalf ?

A.—DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Industries and Excise).—

(*a*) One.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The officer has been ordered to be retired from service with effect from 1st April 1956.

(*d*) There was discrepancy in the date of birth and the difference was 8 years, 6 months and 14 days.

(*e*) *Vide* answer to (*d*).

(*f*) Date of birth has been verified and accepted as 1st April 1900.

Tile Factory at Chikballapur (Financial aid to start).

Q.—452. SRI A. MUNIYAPPA (Sidlaghatta—Chikballapur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the promise made by them in the last session of the Assembly that they would give financial aid to private people if any came forward to start a Tile Factory at Chikballapur ;

(*b*) whether anybody has come forward to establish the said Factory?

A.—DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Industries and Excise).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*) above.

Padayatra Sangha.

Q.—448. SRI A. MUNIYAPPA (Sidlaghatta-Chikballapur — Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) who are the President and members of the Padayatra Sangha relating to eradication of untouchability in the State (names to be furnished) ;

(*b*) whether they have given any financial help to the said Sangha to take steps for eradicating untouchability ; if so, the amount granted ;